

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL
BUILDING, 888 STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 23, WANTAGE, N.J.,
ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2011**

Mayor DeBoer called the meeting to order, and requested the Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the governing body were present: Mayor DeBoer, Committeeman Gaechter. The following members were absent: Committeeman Bassani.

Mayor DeBoer stated, "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Laws 1975, Chapter 231. It has been properly noticed and posted to the public, and certified by the Clerk."

Mayor DeBoer led the assembly in the salute to the American Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor DeBoer requested that the members of the Committee review the Consent Agenda.

There being no Committee member present wishing to comment on the proposed Consent Agenda, Mayor DeBoer requested approval of the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Gaechter moved to approve the following reports for filing:

Construction Department Report for August 2011

Board of Health Report for August 2011

Clerk's Report for August 2011

Tax Collector Report for August 2011

Registrar Report for August 2011

Corrective Action Plan from CFO for 2010 Report of Audit

Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: Gaechter, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: Bassani Abstain: None

Mr. Gaechter moved to approve the following Applications:

Raffle License RL 11-21 to St. Monica's RC Church for an On Premise Merchandise Raffle on 11/04/11

Raffle License RL 11-22 to Beemerville Presbyterian Church for an On Premise 50/50 Raffle on 11/04/2011

Raffle License RL 11-23 to Heritage & Agriculture Association for an On Premise 50/50 Raffle on various dates in 2011

Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: Gaechter, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: Bassani Abstain: None

Mr. Gaechter moved to approve Payment of Bills for the meeting of 9/08/11

Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: Gaechter, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: Bassani Abstain: None

Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: Gaechter, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: Bassani Abstain: None

Mr. Gaechter moved to adopt a resolution commending municipal response to Hurricane Irene and welcoming an investigation into that of certain public utilities

Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: Gaechter, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: Bassani Abstain: None

Mr. Gaechter moved to join the National Moment of Remembrance of the 10th anniversary of September 11th

Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: Gaechter, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: Bassani Abstain: None

Mr. Gaechter moved to authorize correction of error on assessments for Block 18 Lot 14, Block 17 Lot 28, Block 16 Lot 4, and Block 2 Lots 29,33,34 and 39

Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: Gaechter, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: Bassani Abstain: None

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CONSENT AGENDA, Continued

Mr. Gaechter moved to authorize refund of driveway bond to McEwan for D-10-02 in the amount of \$2500 for block 15 lot 10.04 and 10.05.

Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,
Ayes: Gaechter, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: Bassani Abstain: None

Mr. Gaechter moved to authorize the refund of escrow balances as follows: L-08-23 to Robert McEwan in the amount of \$66.18; L-03-26 to Robert McEwan in the amount of \$205.51

Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,
Ayes: Gaechter, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: Bassani Abstain: None

Mr. Gaechter moved to authorize the refund of tax overpayment as follows: \$ 814.54 to PNC Mortgage, Block 133 Lot 11.03; \$1,405.21 to Donohue & Nicosia Attorney Trust Account, Block 163 Lot 3.08; \$1,595.98 to Donohue & Nicosia Attorney Trust Account, Block 130 Lot 9.02; \$ 404.54 to Harry & Mary Davatellis, Block 154.03 Lot 2

Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,
Ayes: Gaechter, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: Bassani Abstain: None

Mr. Gaechter moved to Endorse amendment to Sussex County Wastewater Management Plan for Block 2, Lots 36.01 and 36.02 (A&P Shopping Plaza)

Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,
Ayes: Gaechter, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: Bassani Abstain: None

Mr. Gaechter moved to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Margaret Kolicko from the position of alternate member of the Land Use Board, effective September 15, 2011.

Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,
Ayes: Gaechter, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: Bassani Abstain: None

Administrator's Report

Mr. Doherty offered a report on the additional duties being handled by Assessing clerk Kristy Lockburner during the months of August and September, and recommended a pro-rated salary adjustment of \$32,000 per year for these months in recognition of that additional workload.

Mr. Gaechter moved to adjust the salary of Kristy Lockburner to \$32,000 per year, pro-rated for the months of August and September. Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: Gaechter, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: Bassani Abstain: None

Township Committee Member Reports:

Mayor DeBoer offered a report regarding resident concerns with the lack of response by JCP&L during the recent Hurricane which affected power in Wantage. Mayor DeBoer directed Mr. Doherty to send a letter to JCP&L to ascertain if that company would agree to relinquish its assigned territory for service for any Wantage residents who would prefer to be a customer of Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative.

Mr. Gaechter and Mayor DeBoer directed Mr. Doherty to file a formal complaint with the Board of Public Utilities for the lack of response activity offered by JCP&L during the recent Hurricane.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

FINAL ADOPTION: ORDINANCE 2011-07 ACCEPTING EILEEN DRIVE

Mayor DeBoer opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments with respect to proposed Ordinance 2011-07, entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE ACCEPTING THE STREET KNOWN AS EILEEN DRIVE". No members of the public expressed a desire to present any questions or comments at this time.

Mr. Gaechter moved to adopt Ordinance 2011-07.

Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,
Ayes: Gaechter, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: Bassani Abstain: None

FINAL ADOPTION: ORDINANCE 2011-08 FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION

Mayor DeBoer opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments with respect to proposed Ordinance 2011-08, entitled "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER XVIII FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE".

Mr. William Gettler, Gemmer Road, inquired who drafted the ordinance.

Mr. Garofalo responded that the State of New Jersey drafted the ordinance.

Mr. Gettler offered input on suggestions for changes to the ordinance, including:

1. Flood hazard areas involve "potential" loss of life, property, etc. The Ordinance should include the word "potential"
2. Flood losses are "potentially increased", not "caused" by the cumulative effects of obstructions, etc. The words "potentially increased" should be used instead of "caused".
3. Controlling the alteration of natural floodplains, etc., is a NJDEP function, not a Wantage function
4. Preventing or regulating the construction of flood barriers, etc., is a NJDEP function, not a Wantage function
5. There are no tidal waters in Wantage
6. The Coastal Barriers Resources Act is not relevant for Wantage
7. the phrase "violations of conditions and safeguards established in connection with conditions" is confusing
8. Under section 3.3-1, Permit Review subsection 3 should be listed first
9. flood proofing certifications should be kept in the municipal building, not the Township Engineer office
10. All records pertaining to the ordinance should be kept in the municipal building, not the Township Engineer office
11. Under 3.3-4, alteration of water courses is NJDEP jurisdiction
12. Appeals action records should be kept in the municipal building

Mayor DeBoer thanked Mr. Gettler for his input and agreed to give said input due consideration.

Mr. Gaechter moved to adopt Ordinance 2011-08.

Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: Gaechter, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: Bassani Abstain: None

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Gaechter moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Wantage governing body held on August 18, 2011. Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: Gaechter, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: Bassani Abstain: None

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Mayor DeBoer opened the meeting to the public at this time, for any questions or comments involving the good and welfare of the community.

Ms. Karen Merritt, Alpine Drive, suggested changing the time for the start of meetings by the governing body to a later time; suggested the governing body hold two meetings per month during summer months; and offered input regarding flood insurance coverage.

Mr. William Gettler, Gemmer Road, offered comments and views regarding the issue of Reassessment versus Revaluations; Airport flooding; the Airport Feasibility Study; comments regarding the amount of rainfall experienced at Lake Neepaulin during the Hurricane; the Lake Neepaulin Dam design; and the upcoming improvements to Newton Avenue/Newman Road. Mr. Gettler also expressed a desire to see the question of draining Lake Neepaulin brought up for discussion, as well as a desire to have Wantage Township bring suit against its attorney.

There being no one else wishing to address the governing body at this time, Mayor DeBoer closed the meeting to the public.

Mr. Doherty asked for the direction of the governing body with respect to holding or canceling Wantage Day, scheduled for this weekend. After review and consideration, the governing body determined to postpone Wantage Day and give consideration to re-scheduling it for October if possible. The governing body agreed to proceed with the First Responder Memorial Dedication Ceremony scheduled for this Saturday.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for the attention of the governing body, Mr. Gaechter moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: Gaechter, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: Bassani Abstain: None

Mayor DeBoer declared this meeting adjourned.

James R. Doherty, Administrator Clerk